

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2019

Call to Order

Township Clerk Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Township Clerk read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

On December 21, 2018 Notice of this meeting was electronically submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City and duly posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Building. All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute

Flag salute was led by Township Clerk Gonzales.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Committeeman Clark.

Oath of Office to Newly Re- Elected Official

Township Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Township Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr., for a three (3) year term.

Oath of Office to Newly Elected Official

Pastor Linda Pierce administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Township Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., for a three year (3) year term.

Roll Call

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr., present; Committeeman David Gonzalez, present; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., present; Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr., present and Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present.

Appointment of Mayor/Chairperson for 2019

On a motion of Committeeman Clark seconded by Committeeman Gonzalez, Committeeman Byrd was nominated and approved for Mayor/Chairperson.

Roll Call Vote: Byrd, yes, Clark, yes, Gonzalez, yes, Pierce, Sr., no, Pierce, Jr., yes.

Township Clerk Gonzalez administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Benjamin Byrd Sr.

Appointment of Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson for 2019

On a motion of Committeeman Clark seconded by Mayor Byrd , Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. was nominated and approved for Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairperson.

Roll Call Vote: Byrd, yes, Clark, yes, Gonzalez, yes, Pierce, Sr., yes Pierce, Jr. yes.

Township Clerk Gonzalez administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

Mayor Byrd read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non Agenda Items as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS & NON AGENDA ITEMS

In order for the Committee to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, meeting attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all-inclusive to comment on any agenda item(s) without comment or question from the Committee and any non-agenda items including all dialogue, questions and responses from both the speaker and the Committee for the

designated public portion of the meeting. There may be no transference of a speaker's time to other attendees. Please step up to the microphone at the appropriate time, and state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to Open Public Comment on Current Agenda and Non Agenda Items.

Committeeman Gonzalez moved and seconded by Marvin Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Tommy Clark Jr., yes; Committeeman David Gonzalez, yes; Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, yes; Deputy Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Benjamin Byrd, Sr., yes.

John DeSimone, DeSimone Law Offices appeared to thanked the Township Committee for the opportunity to have served them last year and greatly appreciated if he were selected to serve us another year.

Dennis Pierce, 203 Clarks Pond Road appeared and congratulated Newly Re-Elected Township Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. and Newly Elected Township Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

Mr. Pierce made reference to conducting meetings and how a decision is rendered without any discussion as he sat on the Township Committee in the past. He made referenced to the Sunshine Law and its violations.

Cindy Zirkle, Back Neck Road congratulated both the Newly Re-Elected and Newly Elected Township Officials. Mrs. Zirkle expressed her dissatisfaction with our Code Enforcement.

She elaborated on the vacant and abandoned properties throughout the Township and is in hope now that we have a new Township Committee member who has the experience in Code Enforcement can put this matter on top of the list.

George Hicks, 5 Hartz Drive appeared on the mining issue. He indicated that he still has not received an acceptable response. He also reported a water problem whereby water is running down the street and where is it coming from.

Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Hicks that as he has informed him at previous meetings that this matter is in litigation. The Township has taken the complaint to Court and we received an Order from the Judge. Mr. Hicks asked how he could obtain a copy of that Complaint and Order. Mayor Byrd advised Mr. Hicks that he can put in an OPRA Request in the Township Clerk's Office.

Mayor Byrd advised that he observed water coming from someone's house, although he did not get out of his vehicle to see which house, but that the Engineer will be contacted to look into this.

Resolutions / Professional Contracts

No. 1 - 2019 Appointment of Township Solicitor

Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. moved to appoint Cresse & Carr Counsellors At Law as Township Solicitor. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes, Deputy Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 2 - 2019 Appointment of Township Conflict Solicitor

Committeeman Clark moved to appoint DeSimone Law Offices as Township Conflict Solicitor seconded by Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr, yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 3 - 2019 Appointment of Township Engineer

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Engineer seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr, yes, Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr, yes and Mayor Byrd, yes

No. 4 - 2019 Appointment of Conflict Township Engineer

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Consulting & Municipal Engineers as Conflict Township Engineer seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 5 - 2019 Appointment of Township Environmental Engineer (LSRP)

Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., moved to appoint Pennoni Associates, Inc., as Township Environmental Engineer seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 6 - 2019 Appointment of Township Surveyor

Committeeman Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Surveyor seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 7 - 2019 Appointment of Township Stormwater Management Engineer

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint Fralinger Engineering PA as Township Stormwater Management Engineer seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes, Gonzalez, yes, Pierce, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes

No. 8 - 2019 Appointment of Bond Counsel

Committeeman Pierce, Sr., moved to appoint Fleishman Daniels Law Offices, LLC as Bond Counsel seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes, Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 9 - 2019 Appointment of Tax Foreclosure Attorney

Committeeman Clark moved to appoint Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP as Tax Foreclosure Attorney seconded by Committeeman Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 10 - 2019 Appointment of Labor Counsel

Committeeman Clark moved to appoint Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP as Labor Counsel seconded by Committeeman Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 11 - 2019 Appointment of Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker

Committeeman Pierce, Sr. moved to appoint Corporate Employees Benefits, LLC as Risk Management Consultant/Record Broker seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 12 - 2019 Appointment of Township Planner

Committeeman Clark moved to appoint Consulting & Municipal Engineers as Township Planner seconded by Committeeman Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 13 - 2019 Appointment of Animal Control Services

Committeeman Clark moved to appoint Shore Animal Control Services, LLC seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 13A - 2019 Appointment of Municipal Auditor

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint Ford Scott & Associates seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 14 - 2019 A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates of the Fairfield Township Committee for the 2019 Calendar Year Including 2020 Reorganization Meeting

Committeeman Pierce, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 14 - 2019 seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 15 - 2019 Setting Forth Guidelines For Open Public Comment At Fairfield Township Meetings

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to adopt Resolution No. 15 – 2019 seconded by Committeeman Clark. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

At this time, Township Solicitor Carr takes his seat at the dais.

At this time, Mayor Byrd announced that the Township Committee will circle back to Resolution No. 4 - 2019 and Resolution No. 8 - 2019 as the audience indicated that they did not hear the firm that was appointed for those professions.

No. 4 - 2019 Appointment of Conflict Township Engineer

Committeeman David Gonzalez moved to appoint Consulting & Municipal Engineers as Conflict Township Engineer seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

No. 8 - 2019 Appointment of Bond Counsel

Committeeman Gonzalez moved to appoint Fleishman Daniels Law Office, LLC as Bond Counsel seconded by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Mayor Byrd asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Consent Agenda. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial and do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded and voted upon as one item by the Township Committee. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda / Resolution No. 16 - 2019 through Resolution No. 38 - 2019

Mayor Byrd read Resolutions No. 16 - 2019 through Resolution No. 38 - 2019 into the record as follows:

No. 16 - 2019 Establish dates and times of the Fairfield Township Hazard Work Group & Local Emergency Planning Committee

No. 17 - 2019 Designation of Official Newspaper(s)

No. 18 - 2019 Adopting A Cash Management Plan

No. 19 - 2019 Adopting Temporary Municipal Operating Budget for 2019

No. 20 - 2019 Authorizing Signatures on Township Checks

No. 21 - 2019 Setting The Interest Rates For Delinquent Taxes For The Year 2019

No. 22 - 2019 Designating TD Bank As The Official Bank Depository

No. 23 - 2019 Authorize Tax Collector to Conduct Tax Lien Sale

No. 24 - 2019 Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amount Less than \$10.00

No. 25 - 2019 Setting Fees For Duplicate Tax Bills and Return Checks For the Year 2019

No. 26 - 2019 Transfer 2018 Tax Overpayments to 2019 Open Balances

No. 27 - 2019 Appointment of a Tax Search Officer

No. 28 - 2019 Authorize Tax Assessor to File Petitions of Appeal & Roll Back Tax Appeals

No. 29 - 2019 Appointment of JIF Fund Commissioner & Alternate

No. 30 - 2019 Appointment of JIF Safety Coordinator & Deputy

No. 31 - 2019 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer

No. 32 - 2019 Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and staff members to the Fairfield Township Office of Emergency Management

No. 33 - 2019 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class I Member; Class II Member and Class III Member

No. 34 - 2019 Appointments to Joint Planning/Zoning Board Class IV Member and Alternate I, II & III Members

No. 35 - 2019 Appointment of a CDL Drug Testing Lab

No. 36 - 2019 Appointment of Standing Sub Committees, Liaisons Committee & Additional Sub-Committees

No. 37 - 2019 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator & A Clean Communities Coordinator

No. 38 - 2019 A Resolution of the Annual Designation of Municipal Holidays for Fairfield Township Committee and Establishing the Date of Halloween Recognition along with Trick-or-Treat Hours

On a motion of Committeeman Clark seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., the above Resolutions were adopted by consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: Clark, yes; Gonzalez, yes; Pierce, Sr., yes; Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr., yes and Mayor Byrd, yes.

Committee Remarks

Committeeman Clark wished everyone a Happy and Safe 2019 and welcomed Newly Elected Township Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. and congratulated Newly Re-Elected Township Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr and thanked the residents for their professionalism.

Committeeman Gonzalez thanked the residents for having faith in them and congratulated Newly Re-Elected Township Committeeman Marvin Pierce, Jr. and welcome Newly Elected Township Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. He thanked the residents for getting more involved and that we do the best we can and by all of us pulling together we can run this town collectively and move forward.

Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. thanked the residents for re-elected him for another 3 year term and welcomed Newly Elected Township Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. on board and thanked everyone for their participation.

Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr. thanked all the residents for coming out tonight and also putting their trust in him to do this job and for everyone to have a nice and blessed new year.

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Byrd announced that this is his 5th year in a row nominated to Chair the Township Committee Meetings and that he tries to do his best and will continue to do so. He advised that he loves being here and this is our Township. He thanked the residents for their opinions and we are always willing to listen.

Mayor Byrd commended Newly Elected Township Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr., for putting his name on the ballot line and looks forward to working with him and moving forward.

Benediction

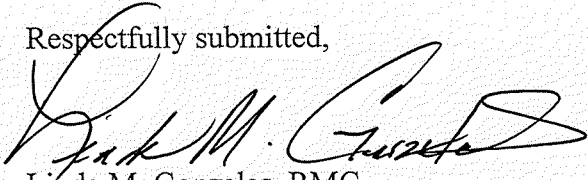
The Benediction was given by Committeeman Mark K. Pierce, Sr.

There being no further business, Mayor Byrd entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

On a motion of Deputy Mayor Pierce, Jr. to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Clark. All members voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk